

depression; antennæ and lower part of face obscure ferruginous, the third joint of former not much longer than the second, the fourth joint the longest. Thorax with the anterior angles but slightly produced and rounded; surface finely punctured, shining testaceous or flavous. Elytra widened behind, rather deeply and very closely punctured, with a distinct longitudinal depression in the middle of the base; the latter narrowly ferruginous, which colour also extends in form of a longitudinal short streak down the shoulders to about one third the length of the elytra; another sutural semi-square spot is placed below the scutellum, while a transverse short fascia occupies the middle, and another similar-shaped spot is placed near the apex of each elytron. Neither of these markings touch the suture or the lateral margins. Claw-joint strongly inflated.

Hab. Irazu Mountain, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua.

16. *ÆDIONYCHIS SEPTEMMACULATA*, sp. nov.

Piceous below; lower part of vertex, thorax, and elytra testaceous, the latter with seven black patches, viz. two at the base, one common to both elytra before the middle, the other four at the middle and before the apex respectively.

Length 3 lines.

Vertex impunctate, lower part of the latter, as well as that of the clypeus, testaceous; antennæ piceous, basal joints paler. Thorax rather convex, sides broadly margined, the anterior angles produced into a short tooth; surface minutely punctured, testaceous; scutellum obscure piceous: elytra narrowed at base and apex, broadly margined, with two short longitudinal depressions at their posterior half, more distinctly punctured than the thorax, of a light testaceous colour, with the patches of the following shape—the basal one obliquely cut at its posterior margin, the sutural one of triangular shape, followed closely by a transverse quadrate fascia, and the apical one also of a transversely subquadrate shape; none of these markings touch the sutural or the lateral margins. Claw-joint greatly dilated.

Hab. Peru.

2. On a Fourth Collection of Birds made by the Rev. G. Brown, C.M.Z.S., on Duke-of-York Island and in its vicinity. By P. L. SCLATER, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S., Secretary to the Society.

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(Plates XXXVI., XXXVII.)

I have now again the pleasure of laying before the Society a series of bird-skins collected by our excellent correspondent Mr. Brown on Duke-of-York Island and on the adjacent parts of New Britain and New Ireland. Though many of these specimens belong to species



J. Smith lith

Hanhart imp

GRAUCALUS SUBLINEATUS





J Smit lith.

Hanhart imp.

- 1 MYZOMELA CINERACEA.
2. DONACICOLA SPECTABILIS.
3. MUNIA FORBESI.



represented in the former collections¹, there are several novel and interesting birds in the present consignment, to which I wish to draw special attention, and which show that the avifauna of this district is by no means yet completely known to us.

The total number of skins in the present Collection, including some just previously received in a letter, is 59, belonging to 41 species. Every skin being labelled with an exact date and locality, it will be advisable to give a complete list of the species.

- * 1. *Graucalus sclateri*, Salvad. New Ireland.
- * 2. *Graucalus sublineatus*, sp. nov. Topaia, New Ireland.
- 3. *Dicrurus læmostictus*, Sel. New Britain.
- * 4. *Pachycephala melanura*, Gould. Palakuuru Island.
- * 5. *Myzomela sclateri*, Forbes. Palakuuru Island.
- * 6. *Myzomela cineracea*, sp. nov. New Britain.
- * 7. *Myzomela erythrina*, Ramsay New Ireland.
- 8. *Philemon cockerelli*, Sel. New Britain.
- * 9. *Donacicola spectabilis*, sp. nov. New Britain.
- * 10. *Munia forbesi*, sp. nov. Topaia, New Ireland.
- 11. *Dendrochelidon mystacea* (Less.) Duke-of-York group.
- * 12. *Collocalia*, sp. inc. Duke-of-York group.
- * 13. *Caprimulgus macrurus* New Britain.
- * 14. *Eurysipodus* sp. inc. (pullus) Topaia, New Ireland.
- * 15. *Alcyon pusilla* (Temm.) Wood Harbour, New Ireland.
- 16. *Halcyon sanctus*, Vig. and Horsf. Duke-of-York group.
- * 17. *Scythrops novæ-hollandiæ* Duke-of-York group.
- 18. *Cacomantis* sp. inc. (jr.) Duke-of-York group.
- * 19. *Chrysococcyx lucidus* (Gm.) New Ireland.
- 20. *Lorius hypenochrous*, Gray New Britain.
- 21. *Trichoglossus massenæ*, Bp. New Ireland.
- 22. *Ninox variegata* (Q. et G.) Topaia, New Ireland.
- * 23. *Ninox jacquinoti*, Bp. New Britain.
- * 24. *Henicopernis longicauda* (Garn.) New Britain.
- 25. *Baza reinwardti* (Müll. et Sel.) New Ireland.
- * 26. *Falco lunulatus*, Lath. Duke-of-York group.
- * 27. *Astur torquatus* (Temm.) New Ireland.
- 28. *Astur etorques* (Salvad.) New Britain.
- 29. *Carpophaga van-wyckii*, Cassin Duke-of-York group.
- 30. *Ædirhinus insolitus* (Schl.) Duke-of-York group.
- 31. *Phlogœnas johannæ*, Selater Duke-of-York group.
- 32. *Macropygia carteretia*, Bp. New Britain and Duke-of-York group.
- 33. *Macropygia nigrirostris*, Salvad. Duke-of-York group.
- * 34. *Excalfactoria chinensis* (Linn.) Duke-of-York group.
- * 35. *Amaurornis moluccana* (Wallace) Duke-of-York group.
- 36. *Charadrius fulvus* (Gm.) Makado, Duke-of-York group.
- 37. *Ægialitis dubia* (Scop.) Topaia, New Ireland.
- 38. *Numenius uropygialis*, Gould Duke-of-York group.
- 39. *Totanus incanus* (Gm.) Duke-of-York group.
- 40. *Tringoides hypoleucus* (Linn.) Duke-of-York group.
- 41. *Sterna fuliginosa* (Gm.) Duke-of-York group.

* The species thus marked have not been represented in Mr. Brown's former collections.

1. GRAUCALUS SCLATERI, Salvad. ; Sharpe, Cat. iv. p. 40.

A female of this species, differing from the type (now in the Bremen Museum), which is doubtless a male, in its ashy grey lores

¹ See P. Z. S. 1877, p. 96, 1878, p. 289, and 1878, p. 670.